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Rocking in the Auditorium?... Read On!

Try-outs were held last week for the spring play, "Rock and Roll." The main characters are Corndoggie, Betsy Lou, Manfred, fred, Duffy, Bumpers, Darlene, Pops, Forest, and "Da Wheels." As of this writing the main parts had not yet been decided. The play will begin rehearsal this week and will be seen in the auditorium during an evening performance April 9. A preview perofrmance is tentatively planned for the student body during the school day. Ms. Lundquist and Mrs. Howard will be directing the musical. Mr. D'Araangeles will direct the orchestration played by selected students from the middle school band. DL

The Annual Talent Show will be held March 3 in the auditorium. Try-outs began Monday and the final selection of talented performers will be made February 23.

"Snow White" Opens Tomorrow

The play "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs " will be given tomorrow and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and at 7:30 Saturday night. Several middle school students are in the cast.

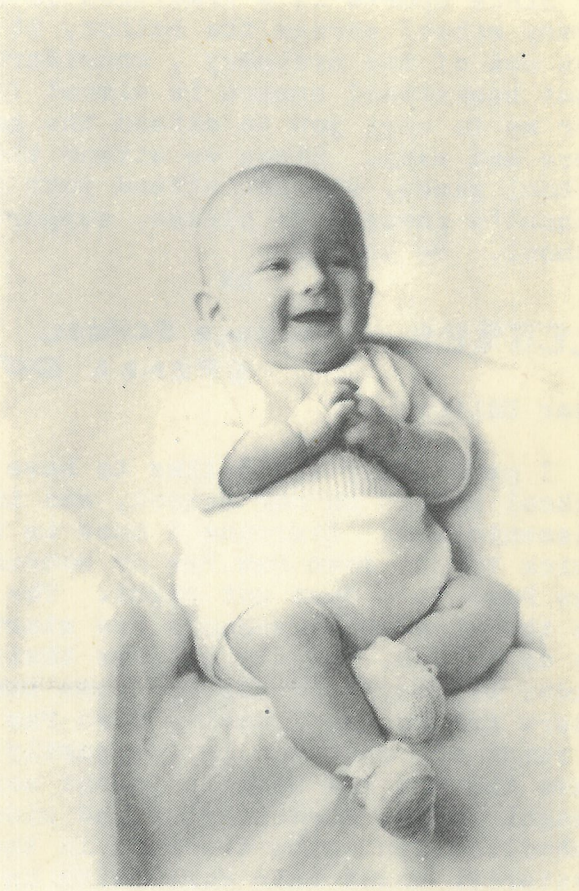
Solo-ST Ensemble Successes

Twenty members of the middle school band received medals at the Southwest Michigan Jr. High Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Lake Michigan College on Saturday, January 31.

Those receiving first division medals were: Bob Barnes, Cindy Bessey, Wendy Haas, Randy Hall, Dan Lanphear and Tara Moore.

Denise Albar, Sheila Burns, Nora Carsten, Kevin Cody (2), Deanne Devantier, Dan Lanphear, Robin Lantz, John Olsen, Joel Pyard, Shawn Shinaberry, Steve Speich, Beth Stackhouse, Marion Stamp, Lisa Taylor, and Lori Utter received second division medals.

Others particpating in the festival were Flop Barker, Phyllis Barker, Ingrid Danger, Sherry Davies, Lori Flowers, Karen Frimand, Marla Galbraith, and Missy Kinter.



WHO is the smiling baby? Clues: he likes to hunt, he now wears a beard, and he teaches science to 7th and 8th graders. Give up? It's Mr. Topp. The picture was donated by his wife who kindly lent it to our reporter. SB

Dance Tonight!

Bing, bang, boom, wowee, and other sounds of excitement! The Swinging Hearts dance is happening here tonight in the gym from 7:30- 10:00. Admission is a dollar at the door if you didn't buy a ticket this noon. There will be two door prizes, so even if you can't dance, you can still come for a door prize. The dance is a record hop.

Aquarius - Horoscope

Aquarius is your sign if you were born between Jan. 21 and Feb. 20. It's an air or intellectual sign, but a bizarre one. Aquarians get along well with Aries, Gemini, Libra and Leo. They tend to be unusual people.

DOUG'S CORNER

Dear Students,

Since sports ia a tradition in almost every school across the nation, it is not out of the ordinary , considering that basketball season is almost finished, for me to urge you to attend the games here and away. Since we attend the high school games, why not attend your own school's games? So please, support your school. Be there.

DN

LETTERS -- MIDDLE SCHOOL SPEAKS OUT

Dear Editor,

I personally would like to have more school spirit in our school, and in the elementaries. Everyone I know is so quick to put down Paw Paw or someone in Paw Paw. It's just not right. The kids in the elementary schools are starting to do it too. Mostly because their older brothers and sisters come home and start griping and putting down Paw Paw. I think the solution is (or partly) to have the Paw Paw Redskin School song taught to the elementaries and middle school. Then maybe the kids in the elementaries would have more faith in Paw Paw, and the middle school students would have more school spirit or "pep."

A concerned student

SKATING ...

When fitting on skates, whether figure or hockey, for size you should only wear one pair ofthin socks to be sure that they fit right. If your skate is too loose, your foot will slide and you will get blisters.

The way to skate is to put all your weight on one foot, turn the other foot sideways and push with foot and coast. Then put your weight on the other foot, turn the other foot and push, then repeat again and again.

Remember on figure skates, don't use the points to start because if you switch to hockey skates, you will find it hard to skate.

To turn without slowing you can do some crossovers.,one foot crossing in front.

R. Shumar

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

In the faculty spotlight this month is Mrs. Howard.

Name: Barbara Jean Howard
Married: yes
Age: soon to be 27
Children: yes, one boy named Joey
Color Favorite: orange
Cologne favorite: Jovan
Favorite animal: squirrel- likes all animals
Favorite flower: roses
Favorite food: steak
Subject taught: 7th and 8th grade music
Favorite song: likes all music
Favorite male singer: John Denver
Favorite female singer: Olivia Newton-John
Favorite sport: football
Favorite singing group: Chicago
Hobby: growing plants
Degree: Bachelor of Music
Zodiac sign: Pisces

CL & JN

LOVE(?) LETTERS -- ♥ ♥

Dear R.

I was hoping that on Valentine's day or any day for that matter you would remember me. I enjoy your company so very much. When I am not with you, I am useless. I think I could be a great help to you in your pursuit of a career as an 8th grade student. Please don't leave me on a shelf.

Truly yours (at least until June- or however long it takes for you to finish 8th grade),

Warriner (grammar and composition book)

Dear Morris,

I wish I could crawl up next to you and purr. I wish you would be my tomcat and you and I could eat Nine-lives Super-supper in the moonlight. You are purr-fect for me.

Kitty (of Dodge)

"HAPAXLEGOMENON"- What is it?

The roving reporters asked the following people what they thought the word "hapaxlegomenon" meant. Here are their replies.

Mike Davies: "man's hat"
Craig VanDenBerg: "It's a myth."
Dawn Brown: " a dummy." (We wonder if she was commenting on the word or referring, kiddingly no doubt, to our reporter.)
Irma Romo: " a rat."
Sherry Davies:"A sickness?"
James Bryan: "sound like a drug."
Deanne Devantier: " maybe it's a creature of outer space."
Jim Breitenbach:"an optogon".
Syndy Bessey: "a new Elton John song?"
Rick Gumper: " a communist sub."
Mrs. Howard: " It makes giant Martian cookies."
Mr. Snell: "Something to do with peace."
Jane Hysell: "sex."
Rick Shumar: " some sort of medicine?" (following the same line of thinking as Jim Bryan).
Wendy Taylor: "an animal. I don't know."
Tony South: "sex."
Peggy Frimand:" a shape like a circle."
Billy Lent:" it's something you eat."
Others suggested it might be paint thinner or synthetic blood or even a chemical used for shortening panty hose. (The last one takes the originality prize.)

However, what it really means is...
" a word or form evidenced by a single occurrence." And Webster tells us, the plural form is "hapaxlegomena." Try and fit this one into a conversation.

SB, KB, LK, KF, and many others

In the Laugh Department...

Ques. "Why are feet like ancient stories?"
Ans. "They're legends."
Ques. "What disasters happen every 24 hours?"
Ans. " Day breaks and night falls."
Ques."What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?"
Ans. " A hippotamus with chapped lips."

Ocean liners -"Sand"

Hay - "grass a la mowed."

BRIEF MYSTERY-WHODUNIT?

A man was murdered in the study of his home. The only clue was a faint bloody footprint by the body. I, Detective Brown, first asked everyone about their alibi.

The widow of the victim said that she slept late. The butler said that he had gone for the mail. The crippled grandmother said that she was sewing with her granddaughter. The kitchen servants said that they were making breakfast.

I knew that the victim had been killed with a potato peeler because the wound was curved and I figured that the assailant must have been one of the kitchen maids. I realized that it would be impossible to get someone from the fingerprint division on a Sunday afternoon, so I gathered all my evidence and determined who the killer was.

Can you figure out who the killer was and how he/she did the dastardly deed?

Turn this page upside-down for the answer.

by Kyle Caldwell

Kim, Flop & Phyllis- The Triplets

Meet the triplets. You probably wouldn't pick them out in a crowd; they are very individual and unique. Flop, Kim, and Phyllis Barker are 8th graders here at the middle school. They do not look alike. Flop has light brown hair, Kim has red hair, and Phyllis has darker brown hair. Their birthday is July 11, and their zodiac sign is Cancer.

Flop says her favorite color varies with her mood, Kim likes yellow, and Phyllis likes blue.

Kim and Flop both like swimming and basketball as does Phyllis. They are all three in band.

Flop's favorite food is Egg Foo Yong, Kim's is pizza and popcorn and Phyllis didn't give a favorite.

There are ten children in the Barker family and The triplets are the youngest. They are 13. Kim is the tallest of the triplets and the "oldest." All three are between 5'1" and 5' 3".

Kim's favorite classes are math, band, and music, Phyllis' are gym, music, nd science, while Flop says that it really depends on her mood.

interviewed by their friends

Answer to WHODUNIT: The butler did. Why? He went out to get the mail and on Sunday there is no mail.

8th GRADE BASKETBALL!

The 8th grade A's beat Vicksburg last Wednesday night by 43 to 39. The B's lost to V'burg 36 to 25. They put up a valiant try.

In the most recent games, the final scores were as follows:

A's	vs. N.Christian	=45-44 ;B's-48 - 35
A's	" Vicksburg	=56 -33; B's 31 -29
A's	" Allegan	=49-44 ; B's 34- 32
A's	" Vicksburg	=43-39 ; B's 25-36

In the Lawrence game January 28, the final score was A's 39, Lawrence 33. The B's played very well also and pulled out their game by a close 37-35 score.

Top scorers in that game were Fred Snell 13 points, Dave St.Aubin, 6 points, Steve LaRue, 9 points, Steve Mangold, 8 points,& Scott Whittington , 3 points.

7th Grade

D &DN

The 7th grade basketball team has been having a good season too. In the Lawrence game of January 28, a home game, the A's eased past to win 21-17. The B's took an even greater lead, winnigg by 25-17.

DS

ICE RINK OPENS

The new ice skating rink was completed this January. It is located on the playground by the gym windows. With all the cold weather we've had lately the ice is coming along really well.

LK

REPORT CARDS ... SIGH!

Report cards are behind us again. To some they are a sign of certain death, and with them comes the possibility for rising hospital bills after you feel your parents' reaction to them. When the cards come, you know that not too far fro now , you are going to get killed. When you get home all you hear is @#*+@*!,then a brief pause, then @#&*! again. After that they may not sign it since who would want their name on it? I only have one thing to say and that's do what the teacher tells you because they're the ones marking you.

Russ Hoffmann

PISCES - HOROSCOPE

Pisces is represented by two fishes held together by their tails. This is a symbol of life beginning again after death. Pisces is a water sign and runs from Feb. 21- March 20.Their color is blue. They get along well with Scorpio

NATURE'S NEWS

The cottontail rabbit is rare in the upper peninsula and most common in the warmer southern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan.They are about 18" in lenght and weigh about 2 to 4 pounds. Their coloring is dark brown with tints of grey and black and they have a white underside with a slightly yellow throat. Their ears are up to 3" long and their hing feet are about 4" long.

The rabbit prefers brushy areas and open woods but is also found eleswhere, includi suburban lawns. He feeds late afternoons, early mornings, and at night on vegetable matter. Rabbits are considered important game animals. Crops, gardens, and trees may be damaged by rabbits.

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